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SUBJ: XXIV:6 RENEGOTIATIONS

1. MALMGREN AND RENNER DISCUSSED EC POSTURE ON 24:6
NEGOTIATIONS WITH DENMAN AND LAM. THEY URGED US TO
MAKE AN ADDITIONAL EFFORT TO EXPLAIN THE BASIS OF
OUR POSITION TO SOAMES AND THE NINE MINISTERS. ACCORD-
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ING TO DENMAN AND LAM, THE MINISTERS DO NOT KNOW THAT

WE HAVE A JURIDICAL BASIS FOR BEING COMPENSATED. THE MINISTERS HAVE BEEN TOLD BY THEIR OFFICIALS THAT AMERICAN TRADE HAS NOT BEEN DAMAGED AND THAT THERE IS NO REASON TO MAKE CONCESSIONS TO US. THE MINISTERS DO NOT UNDERSTAND THAT WE PAID FOR THE TARIFF BINDINGS THAT ARE BEING BROKEN AND THAT THE EC IS OBLIGATED LEGALLY TO COMPENSATE US REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OUR TRADE HAS BEEN INJURED OR NOT.

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT WASHINGTON PREPARE A BRIEF FORMAL NOTE EXPLAINING IN LAYMAN'S LANGUAGE THE JURIDICAL BASIS FOR COMPENSATION. WE SHOULD AT THE SAME TIME OUTLINE ONCE AGAIN THE REASONS WHY THE EC OFFER SHOULD BE IMPROVED--POINTING OUT THE INADEQUACY OF QUANTITATIVE ASSESSMENTS AND THE NATURE OF THE QUALITATIVE JUDGEMENTS NEEDED. THE NOTE SHOULD ALSO EXPLAIN IN GENERAL AND SIMPLE TERMS OUR APPROACH TO THE CEREALS NEGOTIATIONS. OUR AMBASSADORS COULD BE ASKED PERSONALLY TO DELIVER THE NOTE AND ORALLY EXPLAIN ITS CONTENTS TO THE APPROPRIATE MINISTERS. TO BE EFFECTIVE THIS SHOULD BE DONE BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CONSIDERS THE 24:6 PACKAGE OF CONCESSIONS IN SEPTEMBER AND PREFERABLY BEFORE THE TOKYO MINISTERIAL MEETING AT WHICH THE EC PLANS TO HOLD ITS OWN COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING. WE COULD THEN FOLLOW UP, AS APPROPRIATE, WITH THE MINISTERS ATTENDING THE GATT MEETING IN TOKYO.

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